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Council to weigh endorsing measure

Effort to reform AB 109, Props. 47, 57

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The Redding City Council on Tuesday will weigh endorsing a statewide measure to change state prison reform laws local officials blame for many of the city’s public safety woes.

Police Chief Roger Moore will ask the council to support the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018, which would make key changes to state

law to deal “unintended consequences” of Assembly Bill 109 and propositions 47 and 57.

The laws have frequently been targeted by local officials, who’ve repeatedly said they’ve stripped accountability for chronic scofflaws and contributed to rising crime this decade. The laws have again taken center stage in the city’s conversations about public safety as officials seek solutions during tough budget times.

“In general, the overall intent of the

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What: Redding City Council meeting

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Council chambers, 777 Cypress Ave.

More information: [cityofredding.org](#)

prior measures has been to increase opportunities for rehabilitation while lowering recidivism and incarceration rates, all of which is a worthy goal,” Moore said. “However, these major policy changes have resulted in a series of

unintended consequences that have negatively impacted public safety in communities throughout California.”

AB 109, enacted in 2011, shifted incarceration of non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual offenders to county jails instead of state prison and moved post-release supervision of those inmates to the county level instead of state parole. Prop. 47 in 2014 reduced penalties for certain drug and property crimes to misdemeanors instead of felonies and Prop. 57 expanded parole considerations and credit-earning for state prison

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Trump visits Fla., thanks medical staff



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump exit Air Force One as they arrive Friday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

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President, first lady to meet with authorities

Catherine Lucey and Jonathan Lemire
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POMPANO BEACH, Fla. – President Donald Trump visited a Florida hospital Friday to thank medical professionals who helped the wounded in a horrific high school shooting, coming face-to-face with first responders in the deadly assault.

Trump and first lady Melania Trump

arrived by motorcade at Broward Health North Hospital to pay their respects to doctors, nurses and others who responded to the shooting in nearby Parkland. They planned to meet with law enforcement officials at the Broward County Sheriff’s Office later Friday.

The president tweeted earlier that he would meet with people “whose lives have been totally shattered.”

Some of the parents, survivors and others affected by the tragedy at Marjo-

ry Stoneman Douglas High School have angrily called for firm action to prevent future assaults.

“I don’t want Trump to come, but we want more gun safety,” said 18-year-old Kevin Trejos, a senior at the school. “It’s a dream. It hasn’t hit me yet.”

The president made the trip to meet with first responders shortly after Air Force One arrived in West Palm Beach

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House GOP wrestles with bill

Leaders struggling to push immigration deal

Alan Fram
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WASHINGTON – As badly as things have gone for immigration legislation in the Senate, it’s not looking any easier in the more conservative House.

Republican leaders there are scrambling to find enough GOP votes to pass a measure that’s even more restrictive than a proposal by President Donald Trump that flopped spectacularly in the Senate on Thursday. Compounding those divisions are pressures from some of the House’s most conservative members, who are casting the effort as a pivotal test for Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

“It is the defining moment for this speaker,” said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C. who leads the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, which helped force former Speaker John Boehner from his job in 2015. “If he gets it wrong, it will have consequences for him, but it will also have consequences for the rest of the Republican Party.”

Ryan aides did not respond to a request for comment on Meadows’ remark. But underscoring party rifts, some Republicans defended the speaker and his work on the issue.

“Any time you allow one member or a small group of members to dictate overall policy for the country, it is an unfair scenario,” Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif., who’s opposing the conservative legislation, said Friday. “I just don’t think our speaker’s going to give in to any type of threats.”

Even if House leaders manage to push the measure through their chamber, it would be dead on arrival in the closely divided Senate. Democrats there could ensure its demise because any immigration measure would need 60 votes to survive, meaning bipartisan agreement is mandatory.

All of that underscores how unlikely it is that Congress will approve sweeping election-year legislation on the subject, including something to help young “Dreamer” immigrants stay in the U.S.

The divisions bode poorly for a bill by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul, R-Texas, that conservatives back and leaders have said they’d try bringing to a House vote.

The measure would provide only temporary protections for Dreamers,

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Trump tax cut boosts Sears to profit

Nathan Bomey
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President Donald Trump’s tax cut may have extended the life of ailing department store chain Sears Holdings.

Sears got a fourth-quarter boost of as much as a half-billion dollars from the tax reform package, lifting the retailer into profitable territory, according to a new Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

The company said it expects to record net income of between \$140 million and \$240 million for the period ended Feb. 3.

That would mark a sharp swing from a \$607 million net loss in 2016’s fourth quarter, which included a \$381 million write-down in the value of the Sears brand.

It may be only a temporary respite from red ink. Sears’ sales continue to plunge despite closing several hundred

of the company’s worst-performing stores.

Sales at stores open at least a year fell 15.6 percent for the quarter, which included the critical holiday shopping period. That included an 18.1 percent decline for Sears locations and a 12.2 percent drop for Kmart.

Sears noted that its earnings before factoring in interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization fell 15.6 percent for the quarter.

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